

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action of the Examiner of November 13, 2008 and the Advisory Action of January 22, 2009, in which claims 1-15 were pending, claims 9-15 were allowed, claims 1-7 were rejected and claim 8 was objected to. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 were variously rejected over U.S. Patent N. 6,655,280 to Carterllieri, U.S. Patent No. 5,778,785 to Blackwell, and U.S. Patent No. 5,662,043 to Fischer. In order to expedite other claims to allowance and without prejudice, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-7, rendering these rejections moot.

Claim 8 was objected to as depending from a rejected base claim but was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claim 8 to include all the elements of claim 1, from which it depended. Applicants therefore submit that claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

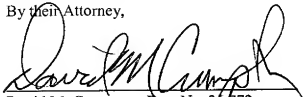
Claims 9-15 were indicated allowable.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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